

ARENA ADVISORY MEETING

Tuesday, May 26, 2009

Everett Arena 8:00 AM

Present: Gerry Blanchette, Dave Palisi, Bob Lachapelle, Mike Gfroerer, Tom Ackerson, Arena & Properties Manager Jeff Bardwell, Public Properties Superintendent Jeff Hoadley

Excused: Chairman Nick Wallner, Councilor Candice White

Absent: Michelle Mullen, Gary Young, Dick Patten

20/20 Docks

Jeff Bardwell updated the committee on the 20/20 docks. Hanson Construction is scheduled to finish up remaining work on ADA issues the week of May 26th and installation is planned for the first week in June by RT Lake. Discussion took place on if the City accepts the docks, it still has not been determined who will be responsible for putting them in and out and maintaining. Public Properties does not have the equipment necessary for installing and removing. Jeff Hoadley explained he put a PCR in FY2010 Budget to hire an outside contractor to install and remove. Dave Palisi indicated that conversations he had with Concord Crew that they may be willing to take the responsibility of installing and removing the docks. Jeff Bardwell explained that the recommendation that Concord Crew be approached has been made to administration. Bob Lachapelle questioned who will be held responsible if something goes wrong with installation or removal if Concord Crew were to take on that task. Would the City of Concord require Concord Crew to get a bond to cover any liability? Gerry Blanchette suggested that Concord Crew be invited to observe the dock installation so they are aware of what is involved. Mike Gfroerer suggested that Jeff Hoadley send a letter to the City Manager indicating Arena Advisory recommends the City negotiate with Concord Crew the installation and removal of the docks. Tom Ackerson has weekly contact with the Concord Crew coach and will inquire if Concord Crew is interested in being involved in dock installation and removal.

High School Tournament Rate

Jeff Bardwell explained he recommends adding a high school tournament rate to the current rate schedule because of changes that took place two years ago the way that preliminary and quarterfinal playoff rounds are scheduled. Under the new format these playoff rounds go to the "home of the higher seed", which is not determined until the final standings at the end of the regular season. Ice time still has to be blocked out for these games and the arena does not know if any of their home teams will be hosting and if they are not, end up scrambling to try and sell the now open ice slot(s). Rinks schedule ice time to the various user groups usually by July 1st each year for the following winter season. Those groups have all their internal scheduling done by October and come the first week in March typically do not need any additional ice unless they have a make up game they are looking to fill. Bardwell sent a letter to the NHIAA explaining the situation and asked if was possible to go back to scheduled sites for these playoff rounds or least have a meeting with area arena managers to discuss. The NHIAA brought it up with the ice hockey committee and indicated they were not going to change the format and that it was the schools issue to deal with the ice time.

Discussion took place on the potential loss revenue, Mike Gfroerer made a motion to add a high school tournament fee, Dave Palisi 2nd the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Floor Reserve

Discussion took place on establishing a rink floor reserve for the rink bed replacement which is scheduled to take place in 2016 when the locker room addition bonding is completed. Jeff Bardwell explained that with the expected cost of the project being 500,000 it makes sense to set aside some of the net reserve specifically for that project so the arena will not have to bond as much money.

Mike Gfroerer made a motion to establish a floor reserve fund, Bob Lachapelle 2nd the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Future Projects

Discussion took place on the arena's CIP, compressor replacement is scheduled for 2011 and membrane roof for 2012 and the rink bed in 2016. Jeff Bardwell suggested the committee needs to start thinking of other projects that are not on the CIP such as a new entrance to the arena. In order to compete with other arenas the Everett Arena is lacking a modern entrance with the pro shop, snack bar, meeting room and front office located together and a large enough space for people to conjugate out of the cold. Gerry Blanchette suggested space needs assessment be done and volunteered to help.

Other items discussed were: new sound system and enclosing the score box. Bob Lachapelle recommended that the arena get estimates for these items and that Concord Youth Hockey may be willing to participate depending on the costs.

Other

Jeff Bardwell indicated that several terms of the arena advisory were up and if members were still interested in serving they needed to send a letter indicating so to the city clerk.

Meeting adjourned 9:05 AM